

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Thursday, September 7, 2006

9:00 a.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Rep. Virgil Smith (1/11)

Representative Vagnozzi, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on June 28, 2006. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6197** before the committee.

HB 6197 Elsenheimer Occupations; notaries public; technical amendments; provide for.

Representative Elsenheimer explained the intent of the bill.

Chair Stakoe explained the intent of a proposed amendment to the bill.

James Fackler and **Doug Novak**, representing the Michigan Department of State, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Schuitmaker**, moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 6197**:

1. Amend page 6, following line 17, by inserting:
"Sec. 17. (1) The notary education and training fund is created within the state treasury. Money from fees collected under sections 13(3), 15(2), and 21(4) shall be deposited into the fund.
(2) The state treasurer may receive money or other assets from any source for deposit into the fund. The state treasurer shall direct the investment of the fund. The state treasurer shall credit to the fund interest and earnings from fund investments.
(3) Up to ~~-\$85,000.00~~ **\$200,000.00** shall remain in the fund at the close of each fiscal year and shall not lapse to the general fund. Any amount in excess of ~~-\$85,000.00~~ **\$200,000.00** shall lapse to the general fund.

(4) The secretary shall expend money from the fund in the form of grants, upon appropriation, for the purposes of providing education and training programs for county clerks and their staffs including, but not limited to, notary responsibilities, election worker training, and election processes. The secretary shall consult with the president of the Michigan association of county clerks, or his or her designee, when approving grant applications under this section.

(5) The secretary shall annually file a report regarding the balance of the fund at the time of the report and a detailed account of the expenditures in the preceding fiscal year. This report shall be sent to the speaker of the house of representatives, the minority leader of the house of representatives, the majority leader of the senate, and the minority leader of the senate."

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (7/11)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (3/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Schuitmaker, supported by **Representative Robertson**, moved to report **House Bill 6197**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker (7/11)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (3/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4806** before the committee.

HB 4806 Stakoe Traffic control; traffic regulation; enforcement of certain Michigan vehicle code violations on publicly accessible private roads; allow.

Chair Stakoe explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Representative Elsenheimer, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4806**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Van Regenmorter, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 4806**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6239** before the committee.

HB 6239 Hildenbrand Counties; financing; fiscal year; provide for alternative dates.

Representative Hildenbrand explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-1)**.

Robert White, representing Kent County, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Patricia Wyson, representing the Clinton County Road Commission, testified in **support** of the proposed **Substitute (H-1)**, and answered questions.

John Strauss, representing the Kent County Road Commission, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the proposed **Substitute (H-1)**, but did not speak.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the concept of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Nitz, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 6239**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Elsenheimer, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 6239**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6322** before the committee.

HB 6322 Stakoe Local government; other; abandoned bicycles; allow to be donated to a licensed charity.

Chair Stakoe explained the intent of the bill.

Representative Accavitti, supported by **Representative Robertson**, moved to report **House Bill 6322** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 6325** before the committee.

HB 6325 Taub Drains; drain commissioners; drain commissioner to appoint a designee to county parks and recreation commission; allow.

Representative Taub explained the intent of the bill.

Joe Colaiane, representing the Oakland County Drain Commissioner, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the concept of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Harold Herta, representing the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, submitted a testimony card indicating a **neutral** position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Schuitmaker, supported by **Representative Accavitti**, moved to report **House Bill 6325** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, Van Regenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (10/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Accavitti, supported by **Representative Robertson**, moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Stakoe** excused **Representative Virgil Smith**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:50 a.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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Proposed